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CIB Proposal for Central District Police Station

The Saint Paul Police Department is seeking funding from the bi-annual Capital Improvement Budget (CIB) process this year to return the Central District Station to the North End. The Central Police District serves the North End, Downtown and the West Side. Unlike the Western and Eastern Districts--which have their own community-based stations--the Central District is squeezed into the City and County Law Enforcement Headquarters. The Central District is eager to relocate from what was supposed to be a temporary location into a more community-focused and district-accessible location. Community volunteers, who recognize the benefits of having a police presence back in the neighborhood, have gathered over 1,000 petition signatures in support of the proposed station.

If you'd like to see the SPPD back in the north end of the city, there are many opportunities to show support, including meetings and events on April 1, 6 and June 3. [Click here](#) for more information.

Seeking Neighborhood STAR Applicants

Have a dream to expand or improve your St. Paul-based business? Or perhaps you've been dreaming of new equipment in the nearest neighborhood park? The Neighborhood STAR program, funded by St. Paul's half-percent sales tax, is now accepting applications to make these dreams a reality, with more than \$1.3 million is available for capital improvement projects in St. Paul. Eligible proposals include capital (bricks and mortar) improvement projects that further economic, commercial or residential development and must be matched dollar-for-dollar with private resources. Learn more at www.stpaul.gov/star. Applications are due March 28.

Hail King Boreas

North Enders have always been a proud bunch, but our feathers are puffed a little more since Ted Natus of Rice Street's Hamernick Decorating Center was crowned King Boreas LXXVII of the Saint Paul Winter Carnival. Read Ted's incredible life story in the [Pioneer Press](#).



Presenting Ted Natus a Certificate of Recognition (from left: Councilmember Amy Brendmoen, Ted Natus, Lynn Natus)

Funding for Home Repairs

Are you in need of home repairs? Right now, the City of St. Paul is offering 0% interest deferred loans up to \$20,000 for qualified homeowners in targeted areas. If your home is in the North End between Western and Sylvan and Atwater and Ivy, you may qualify! See flyer [here](#). For more information call 651-266-6564 or email zong.t.vang@ci.stpaul.mn.us.

Recycle It Forward

The City of St. Paul wants to know what you think about waste and recycling services. We are embarking upon a project called Recycle it Forward to gather input from the

[Winter Carnival Royalty: North End Businessman Ted Natus new King Boreas](#), Pioneer Press

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Upcoming Events

- [Payne Phalen Community Gardening Event](#), March 7
- [Walgreens Grand Opening](#), March 11
- [Sidewalk Poetry Contest Deadline](#), March 15
- [Youth Job Corps Applications Due](#), March 15
- [Neighborhood STAR Deadline](#), March 28
- [Como Community Council's Sunday Series](#), March 24, April 14
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community regarding waste management programs and services (recycling, composting, bulky wastes, litter and garbage issues). Feedback gained in the study will inform our waste and recycling services in the future. Learn more about the project and contribute your thoughts at stpaul.gov/recycleitforward.

Ward 5 Featured Artist: Mica Lee Anders

The latest installment in the Ward 5 City Council office comes from Mica Anders, an artist and educator who works with area youth through COMPAS and the East Side Arts Council. She has conducted Artist in Residence programs at Rice Rec and North Dale Rec and is currently working with students at McDonough Rec Center. Mica received her Masters of Fine Arts degree from the University of Minnesota. Her work focuses primarily on the mixed-race experience and is based on her perspectives as a biracial woman.

The Heraldic Geneagraph series is made up of several fabric wall hangings, each assembled in the shape of a heraldic shield, quilted and embellished with symbols to emphasize historical and cultural elements in her subjects' ethnic/racial family genealogy. Each piece in this series is based in specific historical traditions, both in terms of design and content. The traditional artistic practices that I drew upon most were European heraldry, West African textile design, American quilting and Cherokee beading. I used these artistic traditions to guide my design choices regarding shape, lines of division, fabric color and pattern and symbolic references.



Mica's Heraldic Geneagraph series is ongoing. If you would like to have a piece made to reflect your family's unique heritage, contact Mica at 319-321-2325 or micaanders@yahoo.com. For more on this artist, visit www.micaleeanders.com.

District Council Boundary Change Moves Forward

A community meeting in January to discuss the proposed change to the District Council boundary between District 6 and District 10 was attended by over 170 residents. Further input was solicited through the online Open Saint Paul forum. Ultimately, the District Councils as well as the City's Planning and Economic Development department supported a change that would move the entire South Como neighborhood from District 6 to District 10. A Resolution making the boundary change official, effective January 1, 2014, will be heard by the City Council in coming weeks. The Resolution will also initiate a review of the process to change District Council boundaries moving forward.

Community Office Hours

Stop by and visit me the below times and locations for Community Office Hours. No appointment needed.

- **Rice Street Public Library**--First Monday of the month, 4:30-6 p.m.
- **McDonough Recreation Center**--Second Monday of the month, 4:30-6 p.m.
- **North Dale Recreation Center**--Third Tuesday of the month, 4:30-6 p.m.
- **Wilder Recreation Center/City Academy**--Fourth Tuesday of the month, 4:30-6 p.m.

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